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## A Letter from Washington.

Washington, D. C. April, 10th 1909.  
The Payne Tariff Bill passed the House on yesterday and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

The bill passed by almost a strident party vote. The Florida members claiming to be Democrats, but in fact protectionists, voted with the Republicans for the bill. One Republican from Tennessee voted with the Democrats against the bill.

This has been a very interesting fight but the bill as passed must necessarily be a sad disappointment to the great mass of consumers of this country.

The Republican National Platform declared for a revision of the tariff and while they did not say whether up or down every one knows that the thousands of honest Republicans throughout the country, who are consumers, honestly believed when they voted the Republican ticket last fall, it meant a downward revision of the tariff: relief of tariff burdens to the millions of consumers of this country, but since the house has acted they awake to the realization of the fact that the revision is upward instead of downward. The average duty under the Payne bill is nearly 2 per cent higher than it was under the Dingley Bill, the present law. In other words the people asked for bread, but they have been given a stone.

What has happened here-to-fore in the writing of Republican tariff bills has happened in the writing of this bill. The monopolies interested in a protective tariff have virtually written the schedules in this bill. The interest of consumers was not considered. As an evidence of what I say let me give an illustration. The duty on hosiery and women's gloves is exorbitantly high under the existing law, but the Payne bill increased the duty on these items outrageously.

When the newspapers of the country announced that fact, the good women got busy and on yesterday attempted to present to the House, through Congressman Foss of Chicago, a petition said to contain about 250,000 names asking that the duty on those every day necessities be reduced and notwithstanding Mr. Foss asked for less than five minutes of the time in which to present these petitions, he was denied this privilege upon objection of a couple of Pennsylvania Republicans; and yet the tariff hearings show that the manufacturers of these articles were given about a week's time to present their claims for a higher tariff, before the Ways and Means committee, and a report of those proceedings covers about one hundred printed pages; printed at the expense of the Government. In other words the manufacturers of hosiery and gloves were allowed about a week's time to present their side of the case and the consumers of these articles were denied the right to present their side at all, even though they asked for less than five minutes of time to do it in.

May we not appropriately enquire, how long! O Lord! how long will the people endure this kind of treatment at the hands of the Republican party?

So fearful were the Republican leaders that if the individual members of the House should have a right to offer amendments to the bill and have those amendments voted on, that the schedules would be cut down, that on last Monday they brought in a special rule providing just what paragraphs in the bill amendments could be offered to and no others. This rule was adopted by practically a party vote so that the hands of the individual were completely tied. About the only thing of importance accomplished in the way of amendments in the House, was in putting oil, coffee and tea on the free list.

When the oil schedule was up for consideration a very unusual thing occurred. The Speaker, Mr. Cannon, went upon the floor and made a sensational speech in favor of the retention of the duty on oil, of course putting it on the ground that he favored it in the interest of the Independent Oil Producers of the country, but members seemingly were unkind enough to believe that he was speaking for the Standard Oil company and the amendment was adopted overwhelmingly putting oil on the free list.

There is no doubt if they had permitted a vote on putting agricultural implements on the free list and reducing the tariff on hosiery, woolen and cotton goods they would have been materially reduced, but they would not permit a vote on these things.

These observations brings us back to the original proposition which is a

disgrace to the American people, that one man and his committee on rules, controls the House. How long will the people stand for that?

The people of Missouri ought to know the fact that every Democrat from Missouri voted against that gag rule and every Republican from Missouri voted for it.

The people of the 7th District ought to be and no doubt are proud of the fact that their representative, Mr. Hamlin, stood firm for the interest of the people against the trust and monopolies and made an eloquent speech on the tariff in the House on April 1st. Every one who has not done so ought to get that speech and read it. It gives a very clear insight into the inconsistencies of the Payne Bill.

The Bill as passed the House, is, in my judgment, infinitely worse than the present law and, while the Senate will no doubt emasculate and change the bill until until its author will not be able to recognize it, still the people can get no hope from that direction for the reason the Senate is believed to be even more under the control of the trusts of this country than the House.

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## WAVELY NOTES.

Lester Slusher is in Kansas City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hall were in Marshall last week.

Mrs. N. J. Gordon and daughter, Miss Lottie, were in Marshall Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Larkin is visiting in Odessa this week.

Mrs. John Davis returned last week after an extended visit in Blackburn.

Arthur Robertson was in Lexington the first of the week.

Misses Roberta Landrum, Clarice Williamson and Bessie Larkin were in Blackburn Wednesday.

Miss Susan Barnum of Marshall is visiting Mrs. John Cuthbert this week.

Geo. W. Hackley transacted business in Marshall Monday.

Leonard Townsend has sold his barber shop to Arthur Robertson and Wm. Anderson.

Mrs. Gordon Jackson is visiting in Kansas City this week.

The members of the "Jayville Junction" troupe and invited friends were delightfully entertained last Friday evening by Mrs. W. P. Milnor, assisted by Mesdames N. J. Gordon, S. L. Brown, Henry Larkin and John Cuthbert. A contest was the chief amusement of the evening, the prizes being awarded to Miss Bessie Larkin and Miss Jennie Fell. Delicious refreshments were served. About forty guests were present.

Miss Alice Peak went to Kansas City Wednesday for a few days' visit.

R. A. Hicklin left Tuesday evening for a business trip to Stone county, Mo.

Mrs. Ernest Hoffman went to Kansas City Wednesday to visit relatives.

Albert G. Young went to Lamar, Mo., Tuesday evening to attend the meeting of the Presbytery.

Miss Florida Stier returned to her home in Kansas City Wednesday evening after a visit of several days with friends in this city.

Misses Mattie and Susie Kinkadee went to Kansas City Thursday evening for a visit of several days with friends.

W. V. Curtis sold Wednesday for Lynn B. Gordon his residence on East South street to Dr. Claud W. Johnson. Consideration \$3,350.

Noel & Schmidt sold for George Reupel his residence to Willis Combs, consideration \$1,000. Also the residence of Frank Buellings to George Reupel, consideration \$1,500.

Mrs. W. G. Tompkins accompanied by her little daughter, Eugenia, arrived from Kansas City Thursday evening to visit her father, Capt. J. P. Ardinger.

Mrs. Harry Blodgett returned to her home in Kansas City yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city. Her sister, Mrs. Bessie Buford, accompanied her home for a visit.

## Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued this week to:  
Era Eaton.....Hodge  
Rokie Baker.....Hodge  
William P. Callaway.....Lexington  
Mary Gillespie.....Odessa

## County Court.

The County court after meeting last week as a board of equalization met Monday to transact monthly business. All the officers were present and Judge Hagood presided.

A number of citizens petitioned for the appointment of W. E. Hersperger as justice of the peace for Bates City, Clay township.

R. L. Berry was appointed justice of the peace for Davis township, vice J. H. Korthanke, resigned.

Warrants were ordered drawn for the commissioners in the road matter of William Holtkamp et al.

The salary of the janitor of the Higginsville court house was fixed at \$50 per year.

The case of the road petitioned for by R. W. Wagoner et al was dismissed.

The road petitioned for by J. Q. Plattenburg et al was accepted.

Fences were ordered removed from the road petitioned for by D. L. Hudson et al.

## Rev. L. D. Ewing Dead.

Rev. L. D. Ewing pastor of the Springfield Avenue Presbyterian church, Springfield, Missouri, died at his home with pneumonia Wednesday morning, April 7. He was born and reared near Lexington and was the son of Col. Thompson M. Ewing. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn his loss.

Dr. J. L. and L. G. Peak were in Kansas City Wednesday.

Capt. Ryland Todhunter went to Kansas City Wednesday on business.

Miss Margaret Aull went to Kansas City Wednesday for a brief visit.

Let everyone interested in Lexington's future be present at the Court House

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at 7:30, when the proposed electric line from here to Odessa will be fully discussed and action taken in regard to it.

## "The Holy City."

On its second visit to Lexington and with its reputation for superior quality as an attraction already made, "The Holy City," a powerful and stirring Biblical drama by Clarence Bennett, was presented by a company headed by Luella Morcy, at Geyer's Grand Opera House Wednesday evening. The attendance was not up to expectations, considering the production's reputation for merit, the house being only partially filled. The audience was seemingly unappreciative and wanting in enthusiasm.

This play possesses wonderful possibilities for a company of competent actors. It is tense in dramatic interest, picturesque in setting, and contains numerous scenes where great dramatic power is brought into play. Judging by the presentation of two years ago, the performance did not quite maintain its standard. Miss Morcy was the whole show herself and her supporting company, generally speaking, was far behind her in the histrionic art, all of which tended greatly to unbalance the cast. The members of the cast, with few exceptions, seemed to be in a great hurry to finish the performance as their enunciation was very imperfect and their action on the stage was rapid and nervous. Of course everybody liked the way in which Miss Morcy played her role. The fascinating Luella is really an artist and she easily gained favor for the second time before a Lexington audience. Miss Morcy has starred in this production so long and has played the part of Salome so much that she has mastered every detail of the part thoroughly and is capable of giving a most finished interpretation. Her beauty and grace of figure and her soft and velvety voice are valuable assets with which to become a favorite with any audience. Rowland Edwards who handled the leading male role was good only at times. Alfred Rowland as Caliph gave an intelligent reading of that part. Walter Sherwin attempted a rather bizarre combination when he appeared in the early part of the play as John the Baptist and later played Judas Iscariot. It certainly tested his versatility. J. W. Rigney as Pilate was lamentably weak.

## Circuit Court.

The Circuit Court was not very busy Tuesday. The following cases occupied its attention:

Case of John D. Forrester vs. Board of Regents of the Warrensburg State Normal School. Continued a cost of plaintiff.

Case of State for use of Collector vs. Susan McElroy et al. Judgment for delinquent tax for \$6.10.

A petition for incorporation was filed by the Higginsville Ranch No. 2, Fraternal Order of Shamrocks.

Case of R. A. Hicklin vs. Clinton Hays et al. Judgment for plaintiff for partition.

Case of State for use of Collector vs. Fritz Langkrah, et al. Judgment for delinquent tax for \$26.35.

The 6th annual settlement of Chas. Lyons, Receiver of the Middleton Bank, was approved.

In the case of George Menefee vs. Amelia Taubman and that of E. B. Campbell against Leroy Farmer and Mary S. Windsor et al, the demurrers filed to the amended petition were in each case overruled and defendants given until July 1 to file answers.

Court adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 20th.

## Odessa Man Appointed.

Dr. G. Williams of Odessa has been appointed by Governor Hadley superintendent of the Fulton insane asylum to succeed Dr. John Williams, whose term has expired. The appointment of the Odessa physician is gratifying to his many friends in the county. The appointment in large measure was due to Representative Glover Branch.

Charles Hofer spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

## Elks and Cadets Clash Monday.

The local base ball bugs will have the opportunity of seeing two home teams in action when the Wentworth cadet team and the newly organized Elk team come together Monday. Those who attend will be able to get a line on the Elks as this is their first game of the season. The Elks expect to have a successful season and have a number of good games scheduled. Almost everybody knows what the soldiers can do in the base ball line and a close and exciting game can be expected.

## Mrs. Ben Gratz Entertains.

Mrs. Ben Gratz entertained the ladies of the card club, their husbands and quite a few young unmarried people at her home on Main street Thursday evening. There were in all about thirty-five guests present. Bridge was the game played. Hubert Bates won the gentlemen's prize, Miss Arline Burden the ladies' prize, and Miss Martha Lemmon of St. Louis the guests prize. Refreshments of the most delicious variety were served.

Frank Hoeter was in Higginsville yesterday.

J. A. Ciapp spent yesterday in Higginsville.

E. M. Taubman was visiting in Kansas City yesterday.

Miss Alice Peak returned from Kansas City Thursday evening.

C. Gruber went to Kansas City yesterday morning on business.

John R. Wilmot went to Kansas City yesterday on business.

Judge John Burden was in Kansas City yesterday on legal business.

Miss Maud Sulan went to Higginsville yesterday for a short visit.

Frank and Felix Buellins left yesterday for a trip through Oklahoma.

Frank Campbell went to Kansas City Thursday evening for a brief stay.

Mrs. M. C. McFadden went to Kansas City Thursday to visit relatives.

Mrs. John Morrison went to Kansas City Thursday evening for a short stay.

A. G. Young, who has been attending a meeting of the Presbytery at Lamar, returned Thursday evening.

## Capt. Belt's Proposition.

Capt. M. L. Belt of Higginsville met Thursday afternoon in the upper room of the court house with more than a hundred of Lexington's business men. Several citizens of Odessa and the engineer of the trust company which is backing Capt. Belt were also present.

Capt. Belt stated his proposition again. He made it plain that the \$75,000 which he asked was not a bonus, but would be payment on stock. Those present seemed well pleased with the proposition.

The meeting adjourned and another was called for Monday night at 7:30. The citizens will then consider the matter fully and if the proposition is accepted committees will be appointed to solicit right away.

## DOVER NOTES.

Dr. Claude Johnson of Lexington was here this week.

Geo. B. Gordon visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Miss May Harwood of Kansas City is here this week visiting with her father, A. J. Harwood, who is quite sick.

Mrs. Elizabeth White is in Lexington this week with her daughter, Mrs. Virgie Johnson.

Clarley Cox had business in Lexington Wednesday.

R. W. Ashworth had business in St. Louis this week.

Robert Webb and wife of near Corcoran were here Wednesday.

Pete Kinkadee of Lexington was here last Thursday.

J. Q. Plattenburg of Lexington spent several days this week here.

J. K. Grahn had business in Hodge Wednesday.

Geo. Zeysing and Eugene Zeysing had business in Lexington Wednesday.

Miss Mary Lee Cooper spent several days this week in Lexington with Miss Bess Darnell.

Miss Florence Belle Beattie of Central college of Lexington visited Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

Miss Virgie Corbin is quite sick with measles.

Mrs. Sarah Comeaux and little daughter, Jimmie, of Houston, Texas, arrived Tuesday for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. K. C. Hogan.

Rev. Win Cook of Pleasant Hill, Mo., who has been seriously ill at his home for some time, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Vaughan, Mrs. Minnie Vaughan and Miss Vivian Carter were in Lexington last Friday.

Mrs. Joe Bertrand and mother were in Lexington Tuesday.

Miss Susie McGee came home Sunday from Woodward, Okla., where she spent the winter with her brother, Robert McGee, and family. She was accompanied home by her little nephew, Robert McGee, Jr.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed a dancing party at the home of Miss Addie Longest Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Longest and family will move to Higginsville this week where they will make their home at present.

Rev. Harbord of Kansas City has been employed as regular pastor of the Christian church here. The protracted meeting conducted by him here last week closed Sunday night and he returned to his home in Kansas City Monday but will be here next Sunday and preach morning and evening. Everyone is invited to come and hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Flournoy returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives in Sedalia.

Mrs. Virginia Johnson and daughter, Miss Mayne, went to Kansas City Wednesday for a short visit.

Mrs. George Cooper, who has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. H. C. Wallace, returned to her home in Kansas City Wednesday evening.

A. M. Bunting left Tuesday evening for his home in Lincoln, Neb., after a visit of several days with friends in this city.

E. T. Stier, Worth and Hubert Bates, and J. C. McGrew Jr., went to Kansas City Wednesday for a short stay on business.

Judge P. W. Osborn and George Wakeman of Odessa were here Wednesday on business.

Mrs. F. T. Hix and daughter, Miss Blanche, returned from Kansas City Wednesday evening.

## Marquis-May.

G. Claude Marquis of this city and Miss Zillah May of Odessa were quietly married in Kansas City Wednesday afternoon, April 14 by the Rev. B. E. Dawson. The wedding was a complete surprise to most of Mr. Marquis' friends in this city who had suspected that he contemplated taking such a trip in the near future, but had no idea of the manner in which he would go about it. Some of his most intimate friends became suspicious in the early part of the week and Mr. Marquis became alarmed. Consequently all Tuesday afternoon he sequestered himself in the suburbs and in the evening surreptitiously took the river route train at Myrick.

Mr. Marquis is one of the most popular and prominent young men in Lexington. He is now serving his second term as county assessor, which attests the esteem in which he is held throughout the county. He is a leading member of various fraternal organizations of this city and during the past year was the exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks. He is the son of the late G. W. Marquis, who before him was county assessor, and a member of one of the county's best families.

His bride is the daughter of S. J. May, a prominent citizen of Odessa, and one of the most charming and estimable young ladies of this locality. In her Mr. Marquis has undoubtedly found one who will be an ideal helpmeet and companion.

Mr. and Mrs. Marquis will receive a most hospitable welcome on their return to Lexington and the INTELLIGENCER joins the host of friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

## Howard-Mallot.

Wednesday morning at 5:30, Timothy Howard, Jr., and Miss Pauline Mallot were married at the Catholic church by Father George Curry. The wedding was an unostentatious affair, but was impressive in its simplicity. After the ceremony the wedding breakfast was served to thirty couples at the residence of Thomas Holleran on Franklin street and Highland avenue. The illness of the bride's brother, Matt Mallot, prevented its being served at the family home.

Both the contracting parties are thoroughly estimable young people and are very popular among their acquaintances. The bride is the daughter of Peter Mallot and possesses attractiveness and domestic accomplishment to a high degree. The groom is an industrious young man and bears an excellent reputation for integrity and steadiness.

After the breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Howard left for a trip of ten days to several points in Kansas. Upon their return to Lexington they will reside temporarily at the home of the bride's parents.

## Callaway-Gillespie.

William P. Callaway of near this city was married Wednesday afternoon to Miss Mary G. Gillespie at the home of her parents, near Odessa, at 3:30. Rev. R. B. Briney, pastor of the Christian church of this city performed the ceremony. The wedding was a quiet home affair with only relatives and intimate friends present.

The bride comes from one of the foremost families of the county and is a young lady of many charms and accomplishments. She has frequently visited in Lexington where she has a host of admiring friends. The groom is a son of George Callaway and is one of the most promising young farmers of this vicinity.

This young couple enters upon the new relation with the best of prospects for prosperity and happiness, which their many friends hope they will fully realize.

Mrs. Sterling Cross of Kansas City is visiting her cousin, Miss Fannie Benton, this week.

W. H. Benton is in Lamar, Mo., attending the spring meeting of the Presbytery and as a delegate from Prairie church.

Mrs. E. J. McGee spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

Mrs. W. B. Chiller and Mrs. R. E. Mansfield left Wednesday for Joplin to attend a meeting of the State Missionary Society of the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taubman and their daughter, Miss Laura, Charles and Miss Lottie Taubman, Ernest and Walter Russell went to Kansas City Wednesday to attend the funeral of Martin F. Russell.